OFFICE OF THE ... 21 JUN 1916
19th March 1916.

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

Joint Chaplain.—Rev. Neil Meldrum, M.A., B.D., 2, Victoria Crescent, Egmore.
Kirk Session.—The Chaplain, J. R. Atkinson Esq., W. A. Beardsell Esq., Dr. J. R. Henderson, W. Hutton Esq., W. Lamb Esq., A. C. Puddephatt Esq., R. W. Ross Esq., Capt. A. J. H. Russell, Col. R. Robertson, J. F. Simpson Esq., and W. A. Turner Esq.
Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.
Organist and Choirmaster—R. L. Hird Esq., Roundhay, Chetput.
Free School Headmistress—Mrs. Bennet, St. Andrew's Free School.
Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Goodwood, Kilpauk.
Women's Guild Secretary—Mrs. Turner, The Priory, Mount Road.
Women's Guild Treasurer—Mrs. Ross, College House, Saidapet.
Sunday School Superintendent—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Kalamunda, Nungambakum.
School Visitation Secretary—Mrs. Taylor-Mitchell, Luttrell's Gardens, Kilpauk.
Honorary Auditor—H. P. Ashworth Esq., Nungambakum.

Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum), and the Indian Quarterly, *St. Andrew* (8 annas per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. Choir Practice on Thursdays at 6-15 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS—Funerals should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, "Goodwood," Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

WOMEN'S GUILD—The Women's Guild meets on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 4-30 P.M.

Church Notes

British and Foreign Bible Society.—The Kirk Session has appointed the last Sunday of March, March 27th, as the day for the special offering which for many a year now has been given to the Madras Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society. I hope that the Secretary of the Auxiliary, the Rev. W. H. Organe, will be able to take the evening service and that the offering will be in keeping with the worth and the needs of the Society.

Rev. A. Silver.—I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Silver for the help he gave me by taking the evening service on the last Sunday of February, the occasion of the annual offering on behalf of the work of the Women's Mission of the Church of Scotland. Mr. Silver's sermon was a very excellent one and was much appreciated by the congregation. The collection was fairly satisfactory one, amounting to Rs. 169.

Presidency Senior Chaplain.—Amongst those who left by the "Merkara" on March 16th were Mr. and Mrs. Heron. Mr. Heron goes home on long furlough preparatory to retiring. He came out to Madras in March 1893 and with the exception of some years spent at Rangoon all his service has been passed in the Madras Presidency. He succeeded Mr. Stevenson as Presidency Senior Chaplain in 1911, and now goes home after 23 years' service. We wish for them both many years yet of usefulness at home.

Organ.—As has been intimated from the pulpit, the Organ is in process of being overhauled, and the work is not likely to be finished till the end of April. The matter has been gone into very thoroughly, and estimates for the repairs were received. The cost of the overhauling and repairs will come to over Rs. 850, a very large sum indeed, but if we trust expert opinion, one that will be very wisely expended. It is only but fair to mention that we should have been put to some difficulty in raising this sum if it had not been for the considerable saving Mr. Hird's services at the Organ have enabled us to make. These savings were to form the nucleus of an Organ Fund and it has not been long before we have had to make a call upon this fund. Indeed the cost of the Organ repairs rightly viewed, is part of Mr. Hird's contribution to the Church—needless to say it is a very handsome contribution.

Mr. J. W. Shaw.—We have had worshipping with us during most of the cold weather, Mr. J. W. Shaw, one of our old elders. With the coming of the hot weather Mr. Shaw has gone to Bangalore but before he went, he added another to the many tokens of his love for St. Andrew's Church by presenting the Kirk Session with a handsome American Organ for the use of the School. The Organ will be of great value to us and it is difficult to thank Mr. Shaw warmly enough for his kind gift.

Free School.—The work of the Free School goes on as usual. The only item of special note this month is the formation of a section of Girl Guides. Miss Pindar of the Collegiate School has been good enough to interest herself in the matter and thanks to her energy and zeal we are to have a patrol in connection with the Free School. The patrol is to be officered by Miss Phillips also of the Collegiate School. One hopes that this venture will be a great success. There can be no question as to the good that the Girl Guide Movement is doing in Madras.

Good Friday.—There will be service in St. Andrew's Church on Good Friday morning at 8 a.m.

COLLECTIONS, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

1916		Rs.	A.	P.
February 6th, Ordinary	...	60	1	5
,, 13th ,,	...	63	0	3
,, 20th ,,	...	56	0	6
,, 27th, Women's Mission.		169	2	3
Total	...	348	4	5

Women's Guild

Literature for the Soldiers.—Before she went away Mrs. Thomas undertook to see delivered to our soldiers in Aden and on the Canal any books, magazines, etc., that the Guild might collect. A great response was made to her offer and she went away with four wooden cases full of reading, which we trust the recipients will find entertaining. The thanks of the Guild are due to Messrs. Higginbotham and the Manager of Spencer's Hotel for their handsome contributions; unfortunately there is no room to mention the names of all the members of the congregation who responded to the appeal.

Mrs. Moffat.—The Guild would like to put on record its warmest thanks to Mrs. Moffat for the very affecting address she gave at the Annual meeting. During her stay at home Mrs. Moffat had the fortune to be able to visit on several occasions one of our Military Hospitals in France. She made very real to her listeners something of what our men are suffering in the fighting line and she had illustration after illustration of their courage and cheerfulness under suffering. Her address made a very deep impression on the members of the Guild for we are apt in our sheltered corner of the Empire, to be too much oblivious of what is being done and suffered for us.

Ladies' Depot.—During the month there was sent into the Ladies' Depot, 25 neckshields, 10 spinal guards, 8 pairs of socks, 2 shirts, 2 pyjama coats. St. George's Homes also received half-a-dozen children's garments.

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Miss Graham.—At the meeting of the Guild on the 16th Miss Graham was good enough to delight the Guild with an account of her exciting journey home through Siberia and Russia. Miss Graham was on a visit to a relative in Manchuria when the war broke out and her only way home was by the Trans-Siberian Railway. It may be mentioned that Miss Graham had the honour of appearing amongst the contributors to Blackwoods' Magazine where, in the September number for 1915, a very vivid account of her journey will be found. Not every one is accepted as a contributor to that famous magazine. Miss Graham's address was highly appreciated.

Entertainment.—At the time of writing great interest is being taken in the preparations for the entertainments to be given in the Habitation Hall on behalf of the War work of the Y.M.C.A. The dates are fixed for Saturday, March 25th, at 9-30, and Monday, the 27th, at 6 p.m. The entertainment is a very ambitious one, consisting of dramatic sketches and songs illustrated by tableaux.

Mrs. Walker.—We are glad to have Mrs. Walker, the first Secretary of the Guild, back with us, safe after her adventurous sea voyage.

Annual Meeting.—The second annual meeting of the Guild was held on March 2nd when there was an exceedingly large attendance of members. Among the visitors was Mrs. Philip, the wife of our Chaplain at Bangalore. Mrs. Turner, the Honorary Secretary, submitted the Annual Report which was approved of. Office bearers and committee members for the ensuing year were elected. The following is the Report :—

Annual Report.—You will be interested to hear that there are 800 branches of the Church of Scotland Women's Guild with a membership of 57,182.

Our year opened with fifty-four members. We have been very glad to welcome nine new members in the course of the year. A few have gone away to other parts of India where we hope they have joined other branches of the Women's Guild. We regret that Mrs. and Miss Brown have sent in their resignations.

The year has been full of activity. We gave all our time last year to preparing for the sale of work which was opened by our President, Lady Pentland, on November 20th and which proved such a success in spite of the inclemency of the weather.

Since then we have been making shirts, pyjamas, socks and mufflers for the soldiers, also clothing for the children of the St. George's Homes.

We have had two jumble sales, the proceeds of which were a substantial help to our Funds.

Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Wilton have done the cutting out for us during the year. Miss Hall has kindly undertaken to superintend the Fancy Work Department of the Guild.

We regret very much on our own behalf that Mrs. Thomas is shortly leaving for Home, she is such a very useful member. We all wish her a very happy time at Home with her family.

Mrs. Ross has kindly undertaken to act as Hon. Treasurer in Mrs. Thomas' absence.

We have not been able to entertain the soldiers from the Fort this year. As you know, we invited them and made all our preparations when we heard that they would not be allowed to come because of the small-pox epidemic. It has been a great disappointment to us, but we hope that we shall be able to ask them again a little later on.

We have undertaken the responsibility of keeping a child at the St. George's Homes, which will cost us Rs. 360 a year. We have adopted Mary Wilding. I believe she comes from this parish and at one time attended our Free School. Mrs. Breeden has promised to give us a photograph of the child. We shall always take a great interest in her and it should be very much to her benefit.

It is customary for each Branch to send a yearly subscription to the General Fund of the Woman's Guild to help with the printing, etc., so I will ask Mrs. Thomas to kindly send Rs. 15 as she did last year.

The Kirk session kindly gave us electric light and fans in the school room, for which we are very grateful. We are never satisfied—the next thing we want is to have the pillars removed, and then we can use the room for our numerous entertainments.

In this report I am not going to thank individual members for all they have done during the year. It would take too long as I should have to mention each member in turn. I should just like to thank *everybody* in working so diligently and cheerfully. It is a matter of great joy that we all work together so amicably and I feel sure that we always shall do.

J. T.

CHURCH REGISTER

Marriages

"What God hath joined, let not man put asunder."

March 15th, 1916—William Walker Leith to Josephine Hallett Lynn Stradiot

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for February, 1916

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To School Govt. Grant Account ...	236	4	0
„ Seat Rents	138	0	0	„ New collection book ...	9	0	0
„ Church Collections	348	4	5	„ Church Choir pay for Jan. 1916.	76	0	0
„ Organ practice (pupils) ...	5	0	0	„ „ Estabt. do. do.	187	12	0
„ Refund Rates and Taxes (2nd half year)	63	14	5	„ M.E.S. Co., current for Jan. 1916	10	4	0
„ Christmas Subscription List ...	133	0	0	„ Messrs. Siemens balance of A/c.	220	14	0
„ Choir and Organ Fund ...	150	0	0	„ Communion Elements ...	2	14	0
				„ Harrison & Co., Xmas A/c, 1915.	146	0	0
				„ Cart for Compound ...	80	0	0
	962	2	10	„ Organ Fund Account ...	150	0	0
Balance Debit this Account ...	597	11	7	„ Rates and Taxes	63	14	5
				„ Organ Blowers for Pupils ...	4	0	0
				„ Printing and Miscellaneous ...	15	4	0
				„ Balance Govt. Grant to School.	188	12	0
				„ Special Collection, Women's F. M. C. of S.	169	0	0
Total ...	1,559	14	5	Total ...	1,559	14	5

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for February, 1916

RECEIPTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT RS.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	63	0	0	To Establishment	196	8	0
„ Refund books, etc.	17	7	0	„ Food for February, 1916 ...	62	9	0
„ Kirk Session Account... ...	201	0	0	„ Repairs to piano	3	2	0
				„ Miscellaneous bill, Kindergarten	5	1	0
				„ Books, etc.	14	3	0
Total ...	281	7	0	Total ...	281	7	0

NEIL MELDRUM,
Chaplain.

I certify that the Accounts for December, 1915 and January, 1916 have been examined by me and found correct.

MADRAS,
24th February, 1916.

H. PERCY ASHWORTH,
Hony. Auditor.

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